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PHOENIX MAN SENTENCED TO 6 ½ YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN

PHOENIX – Nick Mangiaracina, 26, of Phoenix, was sentenced here on Monday by U.S. District Judge Roger G. Strand to 78 months in prison, followed by 36 months of supervised release, for being in possession of a 20-gauge sawed-off shotgun.

During a traffic stop in west Phoenix in late July 2004, Phoenix Police Detectives found Mangiaracina in possession of the sawed-off shotgun as well as several baggies containing small quantities of methamphetamine and a number of items of stolen mail, including credit cards and checks. These facts, along with Mangiaracina's prior felony conviction for Assault in the Second Degree in Missouri, were the basis for an enhanced sentence.

Through the ongoing partnerships among federal, state, and local law enforcement like the one in this case, the Project Safe Neighborhoods program is working to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining those reductions.

The investigation in this case was conducted by ATF and the Phoenix Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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